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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 126 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/59/770.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 47th, 48th and 57th meetings, on 2 and 3 May and 8 June 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.47, 48 and 57).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the budget of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/59/620);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Force for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/59/656 and Add.1);

(c) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/736 and Add.6).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.57

4. At the 57th meeting, on 8 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus"

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(A/C.5/59/L.57), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Malawi.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.57 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1568 (2004) of 22 October 2004,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force for the period beginning 16 June 1993 and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 58/301 of 18 June 2004 and 59/284 of 13 April 2005,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[3]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of the Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals, in full accordance with the provisions of resolution 59/__, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 15 April 2005, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 14.1 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-five Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other

[1] A/59/620 and A/59/656 and Add.1.

[2] A/59/736 and Add.6.

[3] S/1994/647.

Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolution 59/___;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004;[5]

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 1,665,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, in addition to the amount of 45,772,600 dollars already appropriated for the Force for the same period under the terms of its resolution 57/332 of 18 June 2003;

[4] A/59/736/Add.6.

[5] A/59/620.

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

15. *Notes with appreciation* that a one third share of the net additional appropriation, equivalent to 500,800 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus;

16. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 24,705,100 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 57/332, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 1,164,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

17. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 163,000 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income for the Force for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004;

18. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of other income in the amount of 701,231 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

19. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of other income in the amount of 701,231 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

20. *Decides also*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2004, that one third of other income in the amount of 451,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

21. *Decides further*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2004, that the prorated share of other income in the amount of 201,369 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

22. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 46,512,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, inclusive of 44,184,300 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 1,903,800 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 424,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

23. *Notes with appreciation* that a one third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 14,699,000 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

24. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 25,313,600 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,109,466 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005 and 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

25. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,415,600 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,112,100 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 269,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 34,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Decides further* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

27. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

28. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Force, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

29. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

30. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".